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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No teacher's certificate was cancelled in Cuddapah and Anantapur districts for political reasons from 1948 to February 1953."

Representation regarding Members of Legislature being made visitors to jails.

* 1212 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation in 1952 from any of the M.L.As. from Malabar requesting that Members of the House should be made ex-officio visitors of jail within the districts in which the constituencies are situated; and if so, what action has been taken thereon? 9-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The answer to the first portion of the question is in the affirmative. The Government do not favour the proposal."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know, Sir, the reason which has induced the Government to take up that attitude? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The Government consider that it is not good to give all the non-official functions to M.L.As. It is also necessary to encourage others who take an interest in these things and appoint them to these non-official committees."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know, Sir, why the Government do not consider it good to have M.L.As. as non-official jail visitors while non-officials are considered good? Since there is no limit to the number of visitors, why not the M.L.As. of each taluk in which the sub-jail is situated, be also appointed ex-officio jail visitors? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is very embarrassing as long as friends of M.L.As. are in prison."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What is the maximum number of jail visitors for each district? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Ordinarily two are appointed."

SRI R. KRISHNAN:—" എം. എൽ. എ.മാർ ജെയിലിൽ കിടന്ന പരിചയമുള്ള ആളുകളായതുകൊണ്ട് അവരെ കമ്മിററിയിൽ അംഗങ്ങളാക്കിയാൽ ജെയിലിൽ നടക്കുന്ന അഴിമതികൾ അവർ പുറത്തു കൊണ്ടുവന്നാലോ എന്ന ഭയം കൊണ്ടാണോ അവരെ ഈ കമ്മിററിയിൽ അംഗങ്ങളായി ഇരിക്കാൻ അനുവദിക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നത്? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Certainly not. If the M.L.As. write to me, they will be allowed to visit any jail that they want to visit."

SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO :—" M.L.A లను విజిటర్లుగా నియమించనట్లయితే జైళ్లలో జరుగుచున్న అన్యాయాలను బయటపెడతారనే ఉద్దేశంతో వారిని అందుకు నియమించుట లేదాండి? "

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The question is whether they should be appointed as honorary visitors. They can go to any jail. If only they send me a letter in the matter, I will permit them to visit any jail. If there are any complaints, they can bring them to my notice, and I can rectify them."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" May I know, Sir, if the fact of being a Member of this House is a disqualification to be appointed as a jail visitor? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir. The disqualification, if we may use that harsh term, arises out of personal interest and not out of being a Member of this House. The Government are naturally interested in jails. They cannot escape it."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know, Sir, what prompts the Chief Minister to make the insinuation that so long as there are in jails friends of M.L.As., M.L.As. are disqualified, while non-officials including Ministers also might have friends in jails? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Sir, we want to see the jail administration conducted on proper lines. If interested persons go and visit jails, they may create trouble. It is not good even if he be a non-official visitor, if he interferes with the administration of the jail. The Government will be compelled to remove him from the list."

SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, the Hon. the Law Minister was stating that if M.L.As. wanted to visit jails, they could do so. Does the visitor require any permission from the Jail Superintendent, or, whenever they want to visit any jail, they can go and approach the Jail Superintendent and then visit the jail? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" They have simply to send a letter to me. I will instruct the Superintendent to intimate to them and give them all facilities."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, I have to take strong objection to the use of the word 'trouble'. The Hon. Minister has given permission to some Members to visit jails. What was the trouble that was created? Why should he be afraid of facing facts? There may be criticism of Government. If criticism of Government means trouble, what is the nature of the trouble that was created? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Sir I am afraid the hon. Member has misunderstood me. I said 'if persons interested' create trouble, we will see that even if they are honorary visitors, they are removed from the list. That is what I submitted."

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Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is it a fact that only Members belonging to the United Democratic Front of the Legislature are excluded from the list of Jail Visitors while Members belonging to the Congress party have been recruited to the jail visitors committee? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" It is not a fact, Sir."

Sri M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Sir, is it to create jobs for defeated Congressmen that this policy is adopted in appointing jail visitors as in the case of Community Projects? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" It is not so. I may even say that if all the honorary posts are to be given to the M.LAs., the public may accuse us of creating an artificial caste."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, am I to understand that some M.L.As. are made visitors while others are left out? If some M.L.As. have been left out, it is really a grievance."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If it is the hon. Member's suggestion that all M.L.As. should be deprived of their normal rights to visit jails, I shall see that it is done."

Letting of houses by the Accommodation Controller, Madras.

* 1213 *Q.*—Sri A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Accommodation Control be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many houses belonging to private parties were let by the Accommodation Officer in the City of Madras; and

(*b*) how many families of Harijans are allowed by him to live with caste Hindus?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) It is not known for what period the information is required. The number of houses allotted by the Accommodation Controller for the last three years is as follows :—

Year.	Number of houses allotted.
1950	488
1951	556
1952	655
Total ...	1,699

" (*b*) As the allottees are not expected to give their caste, the Accommodation Controller will not be in a position to know whether the applicant is a Harijan or Caste-Hindu before the house is allotted to him. As such it is not possible to furnish the information asked for."